

# Swansea Defend Council Housing

## VOTE NO to privatisation

Remember there's no going back to the council if the new company gets into financial difficulty.

124 councils across Wales, England and Scotland are keeping their homes. It is worth defending council housing in Swansea – for us and our children.

Every vote counts – make sure you use yours.

The bigger the NO Vote the more pressure on the Welsh Assembly and Westminster Government to change policy.

## Tell the politicians: tenants demand direct investment – not privatisation

Tenants want improvements to our homes and estates but we don't want to give up our secure tenancies, lower rents and the right to elect our landlord. Tawe Housing will be an unaccountable private company – calling it 'Community Mutual' doesn't change its legal status or the role of its directors.

Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) are becoming increasingly commercial and more remote. Mergers and takeovers result in multi million pound companies with homes across dozens of local authorities. The bigger RSLs are now talking about floating on the stock exchange! A government review is considering deregulating RSLs, increasing the threat!

They offer the moon but don't always deliver. If their business plan unravels and they run out of money there's nothing you can do.

Swansea Council should use available resources to carry out the most urgent improvements now and demand that the Welsh Assembly give the council the same subsidies offered to Tawe Housing.

Swansea Council and the Welsh Assembly should demand that the Treasury provide a 'level playing field' on debt write-off and stop taking nearly £100 million a year from council housing in Wales to fund all the improvements we need.

